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At HALLOWEEN HAVOC

LEX SQUEAKS BY; PAUL COMES HOME

CHATTANOOGA TN----Rallying from a one-fall deficit Lex Luger caught Ron Simmons in his "attitude adjustment" piledriver in 4:02 of the final fall of their best-of-3 WCW world title encounter here Sunday night to retain the belt in the main event of the third annual HALLOWEEN HAVOC.

Luger had won the second fall on a disqualification after Simmons scored the first pin in 4:53. Total match time was 19:13.

In the first fall, after early stalking, Ron went heavily to the offense after missing a dropkick. He rallied for a clothesline, powerslam and spinebuster combination to go up by one fall.

The match, which featured 13 near-falls, looked as if it would go two straight to Simmons. He scored a 2 1/2 count with an elbow and headcracker, and two-counts with a cradle and a schoolboy.

Luger recovered to toss out Simmons and followed with heavy kicks, a foot to the face and a clothesline before an extended resthold. Simmons tried a backslide for a 2 1/2 count at the nine-minute mark.

The fall ended when Luger went sailing over the top rope as Harley Race held Simmons' leg, forcing a DQ at 10:18. Simmons' manager for the night, Dusty Rhodes, scored with an elbow to Race's head.

In the third fall, Luger went right to heavy heel work but was bleeding over the right eye. But Simmons didn't sell Lex's atomic drop and came back for a 2 3/4 count on a clothesline and near-falls on a superplex and an elbow.

Luger rolled outside after a Simmons shoulderblock and was railed. But in a three-point tackle try, Lex ducked and Ron

Paul E. Gets Rude Greeting

CHATTANOOGA TN---Jack Paar's walkout from THE TONIGHT SHOW was longer. So is Otis Nixon's suspension from the Atlanta Braves.

After being idled by WCW for 20 days, Paul E. Dangerously returned Sunday night with a heavy heel angle, in which he alluded to his suspension and said he wanted to "bankrupt the company."

Saying he was going after the top fan favorites, Dangerously was flanked by Madusa Miceli before bringing out The Halloween Phantom, who unmasked as Rick Rude. Rude will launch a feud with Sting.

For more on Dangerously's news conference in New York Friday, see page 3.

posted himself. Luger followed with the fatal piledriver to sew it up.

MATCH RATING: DRAW-PLUS...a good but not great match, yet it showed how much Simmons has grown.

Luger rested too much in this one. Plus, if you're trying to recapture the past, you need more than 19 minutes to get a 2-out-of-3 affair over. Still, better than Luger-Windham at the BASH.

Pillman Wins First Light Heavy Title

CHATTANOOGA TN---Scoring with a sudden Air Pillman after recovering from posting his shoulder, Brian Pillman defeated Richard Morton in 12:43 Sunday night to win the first WCW light heavyweight championship.

Pillman, still nursing a shoulder injury, and Morton produced a match longer on restholds than expected, likely because of the Pillman injury.

The match featured eight two-counts. The pace picked up at the 10-minute mark. Morton went to work on the shoulder while Pillman rallied for a clothesline and near-fall at 10:27. Morton recovered for a back suplex at 10:52.

Both collided and went outside at 12:00 but Pillman climbed to the top and surprised Morton with the Air Pillman for the title win.

MATCH RATING: DRAW...the injury kept this one from being as strong as both could offer. It did have its moments but they were spaced apart more than if the two were at their best.

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Austin, Enforcers Retain Titles In Tennessee

CHATTANOOGA TN---Steve Austin and Dustin Rhodes battled to a 15-minute draw in their WCW TV title match and the Enforcers held onto the WCW world tag team championship with an Arn Anderson spinebuster in 9:57.

Austin and Rhodes battled in a bout slow in developing but ended with 14 two-counts. The action picked up at the 7:40 mark when Dustin missed a cross body block and rolled out of the ring. Austin pounded him into juicing.

Returning inside, the two traded two-counts on small packages. Austin was also opened up at 12:35 when Rhodes posted him. In the last two minutes, Rhodes made several pinfall tries, falling just short with a powerslam, bionic elbow and clothesline.

MATCH RATING: DRAW-PLUS. Some have rated this even higher by phone. It was well-booked but the two still need experience and the juice was not necessary here.

In the tag title affair, Anderson valiantly tried to carry it but the inexperience of Curtis Thompson and Todd Champion showed.

Champion scored a bearhug at 6:40 on Larry Z but Larry escaped and scored a spinkick after a chase around the ring. A neckbreaker followed for a two-count.

Thompson tagged in at the eight-minute mark and tried several power moves, including a near-fall powerslam of Arn. But as all four entered, Arn caught Thompson in the fatal spinebuster in 9:57.

MATCH RATING: RESTHOLD-PLUS.

P.N. NEWS/BIG JOSH D. THE CREATURES (5:16): The highlight was a number of Greco-Roman moves by Matt Borne which took him further out of his hillbilly character. The finish came when P.N.N. scored with the broken record after Matt's Northern Exposure. **RATING:** RESTHOLD-PLUS.

BOBBY EATON D. TERRENCE TAYLOR (16:39): Arguably the best match of the night, though some callers argue it was too long. Solid wrestling from top to bottom. Highlight moves were a knee from the top by Eaton to the runway onto Taylor and a Taylor splash from the top for a 2 1/2 count at 10:30. The end came when Bobby recovered from being crotched on the top rope, shook off Taylor's try for a superplex and flew with the Alabama jam. **MATCH RATING:** POWERSLAM.

JOHNNY B. BADD D. JIMMY GARVIN (8:23): Fairly predictable fare. Top moment when the Freebirds, in Braves caps, led the crowd in a tomahawk chop. The end came when J.B. left-hooked Jimmy while Teddy Long cornered the ref. Michael Hayes decked Teddy after. **RESTHOLD.**

Did It Go Too Far?

Abby "Executed" In Chamber of Horrors

CHATTANOOGA TN---Abdullah the Butcher was placed in a simulated electric chair and mistakenly "executed" by Cactus Jack to give the Chamber of Horrors match to Sting, the Steiner Brothers and El Gigante.

In an exceedingly difficult match to watch on television, the match was a virtual carnage with heavy juicing by Abdullah and Cactus and light blood by Sting.

The "chair of torture" was lowered at 3:15 and the use of a "Refer-Eye Cam," a small camera placed on the helmet of referee Nick Patrick was used for the first time. Several gimmicks include extensive use of a kendo stick, a masked man coming out of a coffin and a set of ghouls outside the cage to carry out the loser.

The end came at 12:40 when Rick Steiner belly-to-bellied Abby into the electric chair and Cactus, thinking Steiner was in the chair, pulled the switch. **MATCH RATING:** RESTHOLD-PLUS...there seemed to be crowd heat for this one but it was very difficult to watch. A number of post-HAVOC callers complained the electric chair was in terrible taste.

BILL KAZMAIER D. OZ (4:00): Bill won it with a backbreaker in one of the worst matches of the year. **BOMB.**

VAN HAMMER D. DOUG SOMMERS (1:13): I wonder how Sommers won the draw to be the jobber. Hammer won with the slingshot suplex. He gets a pop but let's see what happens when he has to go beyond two minutes. **BOMB.**

HALLOWEEN PHANTOM D. TOM ZENK (1:26): This was all Rude, from a pre-match attack, and Tony Schiavone alluded to his "Rude awakening" finish. **RESTHOLD.**

HAVOC HIGHLIGHTS: The Refer-Eye Cam was an interesting innovation but it became dizzying to watch when Patrick would jerk his head around.... Ross and Schiavone up to their usual par and did not oversell anything....The pre-show angle which allowed Barry Windham to be "injured" when the Enforcers slammed a car door on his hand (see page 4 for news of Barry's real injury) was rushed and the acting by Barry and Dustin Rhodes was terrible....A late decision to drop Hayes from the Hammer match because WCW feared the crowd could cheer Michael more than Van....Good move to swap Cactus into the Chamber match as it made sense with recent feuds. Big Van Vader replaced Windham and it's the first time I've seen Leon White wrestle in character without the mask....Paul E.'s seg was good on his part but Madusa's role wasn't clearly defined and it would have been better to do the angle in the ring. Everyone appeared to have their backs to the audience...**MATWATCH 25 SCALE** on page 6.

In New York Briefing

PAUL E. TELLS ALL TO BIG APPLE MEDIA

NEW YORK----After nearly three weeks of silence, Paul Heyman displayed a pendulum of emotions from disciplined calm to controlled indignation in a news conference Friday at New York's China Club. In a frank 15-minute monologue, the man known as Paul E. Dangerously gave World Championship Wrestling, Inc., 72 hours to give him a review or reinstate him.

Ricky Steamboat, Titan Decide To Part Company

(From MATWATCH Correspondent Reports)

Former NWA world heavyweight champion and WWF Intercontinental champion Ricky Steamboat is out of the World Wrestling Federation after a reported dispute with owner Vince McMahon Jr.

Steamboat, who re-entered the WWF earlier this year after nearly three years away, was said by sources close to the 16-year veteran to have balked at doing a job on an upcoming television match.

The 37-year-old Steamboat, who had been assured of a significant push when he returned, had been relegated to opening bout contests on the WWF's cable showcase, PRIME TIME WRESTLING, against lesser performers such as Pat Tanaka and Paul Diamond and gaining only a disqualification win over The Warlord two weeks ago.

Sources have told MATWATCH Steamboat was dissatisfied with his push, almost non-existent since his return, and his caricatured persona as The Dragon.

McMahon reportedly told Steamboat he would be burning a bridge by leaving. Steamboat asked for a Dec. 16 release from his two-year contract but McMahon opted to end relations immediately.

WWF spokesman Steve Planamenta told MATWATCH, "I don't believe he was fired. It was more of a mutual agreement."

Steamboat reportedly has no plans to seek a return to WCW, which he left in July 1989 after failing to reach agreement on contract terms with executive vice president Jim Herd.

Sources close to the Steamboat family say the ex-NWA champ is expected to pursue personal business interests.

About 20 media members attended the briefing which Dangerously called to answer questions about his Oct. 7 suspension from WCW, which the Ted Turner-owned company officials say is for "philosophical differences, pending review." WCW executive vice president Jim Herd suspended Dangerously because of his belief the 26-year-old WCW co-host leaked confidential information about a now-canceled Nov. 11 WCW-USWA joint TV taping in Memphis, a charge Dangerously and his attorney, Bruce Gold, deny.

"I was totally unaware of the circumstances with that card," Dangerously told the gathering. "I had no idea what was happening. I was called into the office in Atlanta and Mr. Herd said, 'It doesn't matter whether I'm right or wrong, I'm doing it (suspending you) anyway.'"

Dangerously placed a deadline of this past Monday for WCW to either review his case or rescind the suspension. "If they don't respond, I won't go back even if this is settled." When quizzed by New York radio show host John Arezzi if Dangerously had privately balked at leaving the broadcast booth for a return as a manager, the Scarsdale native said, "I have no comment. Certain discussions have been held privately between myself and the organization. I can't discuss them at this time."

MATWATCH and Arezzi both learned parties from the WCW steering committee pushed Herd at midweek to reconsider in the wake of almost unanimous negative reports from the mat media on the suspension.

Gold wrote to WCW the week of Oct. 14, asking for several unspecified considerations. Friday, the attorney said the only response he has received from WCW is a letter challenging the grammatical structure of portions of his correspondence.

Top 40 New York radio station WPLJ aired 20 minutes of the briefing live. The Associated Press sent a photographer and several mainline wrestling magazines had representatives.

Guardian Angel Lisa Sliwa, flanked by four fellow Angels, appeared, saying: "It's important for Paul E. to get back on TV. We're a lot safer if he's there, rather than on the streets. If Ted 'Tomahawk' Turner would stop taking Jane to plastic surgeons and review the thing for five minutes, he'd put him back on the air." Dangerously was presented a gold record from comedian Andrew Dice Clay, who sent a statement of support; and New York Giants linebacker Lawrence Taylor sent a football jersey.

But a surprise came when a reported Wall Street consultant, Aldo Santorelli, was introduced to present a petition with 1,700 signatures from the NEW YORKERS FOR PAUL E. SOCIETY.

Arezzi said Dangerously handled himself well. "He was emotional but he put no one down. He basically said he wanted to know what caused his suspension and why."



THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Hogan, Flair Pop Bay Area Crowd Friday

OAKLAND---Pro wrestling's long-awaited Hulk Hogan-Ric Flair series kicked off with a crowd of 15,000 at the Oakland Coliseum Friday.

Though the match had been tested Tuesday at WWF TV tapings in Dayton, the Oakland bout was billed as the grand opening of the showdowns.

The 11-minute match ended with Flair pinning a figure-four leglocked Hogan and the crowd believing Flair had won the WWF title. Hogan was left laying.

However, after the wrestlers departed, referee Dave Hebner returned to reverse the decision, saying Flair was discovered with a foreign object. A return bout was announced for three weeks from now.

Barry Breaks Wrist In Four Places

COLUMBUS GA---Former U.S. heavyweight champion Barry Windham faces an estimated six months out of action after breaking four bones in his wrist here Oct. 22.

Windham, mysteriously scheduled to be part of the heel team in the HALLOWEEN HAVOC Chamber of Horrors match, was said to be in excruciating pain after the fractures.

An angle taped Sunday morning which had the Enforcers "breaking" Windham's hand allowed him to exit the match.

Sid Has Surgery; Out For Months

STAMFORD CT---Hulk Hogan heir apparent Sid Justice has undergone surgery for a torn bicep muscle and faces four to six months out of the ring.

The surgery, conducted last Thursday, is similar to the operation WCW's Scott Steiner underwent in late spring.

Titan's Steve Planamenta did not confirm the surgery. "He was just going for a checkup," said the WWF spokesman.

50 Years of Mat TV, Part V

THE FLORIDA STORY

Syndication of television wrestling programs to markets outside a promotion's home city was one of the major contributing factors to pro wrestling's explosion in the mid-1980s.

However, this form of distribution differs from the circulation in the 1960s. Today's top three promotions clear better than 70 per cent of the nation for TV and sell national advertising to boost revenues. In contrast, the year 1960 became a pivotal post-network year for the mat game in a syndication strictly meant to help territorial promoters gain more exposure.

The most widely-distributed program outside its home state through the early 1970s was Cowboy Luttrall's CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING FROM FLORIDA. In a 1987 phone conversation, host Gordon Solie described its evolution.

"Until 1960, we took the summers off because the theory was it was vacation season and people wouldn't support the matches or watch the television show," said Solie, who traveled as emcee of an auto thrill show during the off-seasons. "We were really able in the '60s to broaden our exposure beyond the Sunshine State. If a promoter such as Vince McMahon Sr. had an opportunity for a time slot on more than one station, he would often import an outside-the-territory show, usually us. Our Florida show ran for years on channel 11 in New York and we'd send men every two months or so to appear at Madison Square Garden."

In 1960, Luttrall took advantage of the shift to videotape and began recording his weekly matches from the Sportatorium in Tampa. "Cowboy Luttrall was one promoter who knew his audience," said Georgia wrestling host Ed Capral, who often subbed for Solie during vacations. Luttrall imported ex-New York City villain Eddie Graham to Tampa as booker and top star. The shift to tape gave Florida matches a "live" look. Along with Solie's newscaster-like commentary, CWF quickly became the most imported show in the U.S., expanding to nearly 70 cities at its peak.

In Solie's autobiography, MASTER OF THE RING, he tells how he played second banana to three different play-by-play hosts at the outset of CWF. Sportscaster Russ Benedict was Solie's last leading man. Legendary manager Saul Weingeroff was the catalyst to propel Solie into the first chair.

"Weingeroff returned to our microphone and Russ politely asked where he'd been," said Solie. "Gentleman Saul exploded. 'You call yourself a wrestling announcer and you don't know where I've been?' He then proceeded to give it to Russ in spades and Russ, saying I don't need this, walked off the set. So, like the old joke goes, there I sat holding my piccolo."

Florida was a key state for TV for two reasons: one, its evolving major television markets of Jacksonville, Orlando, Miami and Tampa. Second, during the early 1960s, the Jacksonville Coliseum was the biggest building in the U.S. to run weekly matches.

The Graham era gave way to the Jack Brisco era of the late 1960s and early '70s. After Brisco's NWA world title win in 1973, Florida slowly propelled Dusty Rhodes to star status---an era which would last nearly nine years.

Solie shared with us why he has lasted so long: "I was once told by a promoter in Los Angeles, 'Gee, you do a great job but you'd never go over out here because people would never understand you.' Well, there are plenty of bright, articulate people in the wrestling audience. In the perspective of what I do, I try never to forget that."

(Next week: The cable/satellite era begins).

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VIDIOTS

Oct. 21-27

(GLOBAL/ESPN) - [Mon.]: Brian

Lee d. Barry Horowitz; Davis Bros. d. Chaz/Terry Garvin; Gary Young d. Sweet Daddy Falcone by DQ; John Tatum d. Jeff Gaylord; Patriot d. Tatum; Al Perez draw vs. Soultaker.

RESTHOLD-PLUS.

[Tue.]: {CLIP/NORTH AMERICAN TITLE} Patriot d. Perez to win belt when Eddie Gilbert's help goes awry; Soultaker d. Avenger; (REPLAY) Scott Anthony in drag as Thelma Harper attacks Handsome Stranger; Anthony d. Rick Garren; Tatum d. Jeff Raitz; Chris Walker/Steve Simpson d. Black Bart/Tug Taylor. Tug attacks Bart after; Shawn Spencer d. Chaz; Gaylord d. Falcone; Steven Dane d. Garvin. DRAW-PLUS.

[Wed.]: Patriot d. Barry Horowitz; PYTs d. Renegade Warriors on tripup by Chris Love. Chaz complains & is beaten by PYTs; Lightning Kid d. Garvin; Gaylord d. Reno Riggins; Walker/Simpson d. Davis Bros. After, Tatum/Raitz challenge, Chaz/Garvin come to help, PYTs arrive & 10-man brawl erupts; Stranger d. Lou Spiccoli; Lightning Kid d. Garren. DRAW.

[Thu.]: Gilbert d. Steve Cox; Makhan Singh d. Gaylord; Garvin d. Ken Stryker; Terry Daniels d. Scorpio; Perez d. Mike Davis; Young d. Randy Rhodes; Walker/Simpson d. Falcone/Bill Irwin. DRAW.

(GLOBAL/SYN) - [MAJOR LEAGUE]: {ANGLE} During TV title pairings draw, Max Andrews admits Anthony as "alternate;" {TV TITLE PLAYOFFS} 1. Gilbert d. Tatum; 2. Soultaker draw vs. Lee (both eliminated); 3. Stranger d. Mike Davis; (FINALS) Gilbert d. Stranger by DQ to win belt when Scotty puts knucks on Stranger's hand during ref bump while Eddie feigns KO; (FINALE) Joe Pedicino says taped conversation between Scotty & The Boss reveals who Boss is. POWERSLAM. [MAIN EVENTS]: Walker/Simpson d. Dogs of War; Lee d. Mike Stetson; Daniels d. Ed Robinson; Bart d. Taylor; (6-MAN) Young/Irwin/Raitz no contest vs. Tatum/Rod Price/Falcone. NO RATING.

(LUCHA LIBRE) - Repeat show of June bouts. BOMB.

(NEW JAPAN) - [10/5]: Shinya Hashimoto d. Tony Halme; Keiji Mutoh d. Tsumi Fujinami w. low groin kick. BOMB-PLUS.

(ALL JAPAN) - [10/7]: {ALL-ASIAN TAG TITLE} Dan Kroffat/Doug Furnas d. Joel Deaton/Billy Black to retain belts; Toshiaki Kawada/Tsuyoshi Kikuchi d. Yoshinari Ogawa/Jumbo Tsuruta; Steve Williams/Terry Gordy d. Mitsuhashi Misawa/Kenta Kobashi. POWERSLAM.

(WWF/USA) - [PRIME TIME]: Rockers d. Al Coleman/Vito Kros; (FEATURE) WWF TV trucks; Ted DiBiase d. Chris Hawt; (FEATURE) Sgt. Slaughter at Iwo Jima Memorial; (GUESTS) Lanny Poffo/Beverly Bros.; Bushwhackers d. Pete Weeks/Bruce Mitchell; (FEATURE) Gene Okerlund/Bobby Heenan play golf; Col. Mustafa d. Jose Vegas; (UPDATE) Sid Justice team vs. Jake Roberts team, more on Hulk Hogan-Ultimate Warrior; (CLIP) "Suburban Commando;" Ric Flair d. Ron Cumberland; (GUEST) I.R. Schyster drags Jameson away for shakedown; Big Bossman d. Hercules; Justice no contest vs. Undertaker when El Diablo (masked Jake) returns & the two tie Sid in ropes & Jake goes after Sid w. king cobra until Jim Duggan saves; (GUEST) Bret Hart; Jim Neidhart d. Big Bully Busick by DQ when Harvey Whippleman runs in; (HANDICAP) Natural Disasters d. Barry Hardy/Dwayne Gill/Jim Arons; Kerry Von Erich d. Brian Costello; (ANGLE) Hart saves Jameson from more punishment by I.R.S. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

(PORTLAND) - (CLIP) Don Harris d. Grappler in solo

match to win PACIFIC NW tag belts for Bruise Bros. when Ron Harris switches off & wins; Brian Adams double countout vs. Billy Jack Haynes;

(ANGLE) Don Owen tells Haynes he's tired of looking at him and will sign no DQ match next week. Haynes sasses & Owen shoves him; J.W. Storm d. Jesse Barr w. loaded wristband; (SEG) Steve Doll agrees to team w. Grappler vs. Bruise Bros.; (FIESTA GARDEN) Bruises refuse challenge; Doll/Mike Miller d. Bruises by DQ when Miller tossed over top. Doll tied in ropes. Grap tries to save but is doubled. Miller revives & saves. DRAW.

(SUNCOAST PRO) - [OPEN] Penelope Paradise still locked in cage; Jerry Flynn d. Dave Johnson to earn shot at Tommy Rogers' Southern title Oct. 26; (SUNCOAST PRO TAG SEMI-FINALS) Gator Gilmore/Vern Henderson d. Tommy Starr/Tom Sawyer; (SUNCOAST FLA. TITLE) Superstar vs. Jumbo Baretta in progress as show ends. NO RATING.

(WWF/SYN) - [CHALLENGE]: Bret Hart d. Vito Krus; (SURVIVOR SERIES REPORT) More on Hogan-Ultimate Warrior, Flair team vs. Piper team; (SPECIAL REPORT) Sid/Jake/Ultimate Warrior angle; Von Erich d. Costello; Nasty Boys d. Brian Donahue/Al Coleman; Steve Keirn d. Vega; (SEG) Okerlund w. Sid/Bossman/L.O.D.; Flair d. Bill Pierce. RESTHOLD. [SUPERSTARS]: Roddy Piper d. Pat Tanaka; Tito Santana d. Bob Bradley; (UPDATE) Sid/Ultimate Warrior/Jake angle; DiBiase d. Sonny Blaze; Ricky Steamboat d. Hardy; (FEATURE) Slaughter at Paul Revere's grave; (SURVIVOR SERIES REPORT) Same as CHALLENGE; (SEG) Okerlund w. Natural Disasters/Jimmy Hart; Undertaker d. Gill; Other winner: I.R.S. RESTHOLD.

(LPWA) - [RERUN]: Reggie Bennett d. Kat LeRoux; Bambi d. Lelani Kai; Black Venus d. Cheryl Russa; Terri Power d. LaGata; Susan Sexton d. Nasty Linda; Judy Martin d. Sindie Paradise; Despina Montanagas d. Malaya Hosaka. NO RATING.

(PRO WRESTLING '91) - John Michaels d. The Intruder; Steve Lawler/Big Bully Busick d. Mike Rogers/T.C. Carter; (GLOBAL) Patriot d. Bad News by DQ; (CLASSIC) Wendi Richter d. Heidi Lee Morgan; (INTL/CALGARY) Mr. Ito d. Kerry Brown; Blazers d. Moose Mahoney/Intruder; Brute Force d. Mike Roberts/Mike Serivich. Last show of the series. RESTHOLD.

(IWCCW) - Scott & Ivan Putski d. Black Knights; T.D. Madison d. Zap; (RUMBLE SEAT) Tony Rumble w. Honky Tonk Man; Joe Savoldi/Star Warrior d. Billion \$ Babies; (PWI REPORT) Bill Apter w. Doug Fink. BOMB.

(AWA: LOOKING BACK) - (1981) Nick Bockwinkel d. Adnan al-Kalssie; (1981/6-MAN) Hulk Hogan/Greg Gagne/Jim Brunzell d. Jerry Blackwell/Adrian Adonis/Jesse Ventura. RESTHOLD.

(WCW/TBS) - [POWER HOUR]: Rick Steiner d. Lou Fabiano; Larry Zbyszko d. Jimmy Garvin when Arn Anderson decks Garvin; (H. HAVOC CONTROL CENTER) Gordon Solie w. full card rundown; (WCW TV TITLE) Steve Austin d. Steve Armstrong w. trunks to retain belt when Steve crashes into Jeannie Clarke; Patriots d. Rip Rogers/Paul Lee. RESTHOLD.

[WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP]: Van Hammer d. Bill Ford; Richard Morton d. Joey Maggs; (SEG) Barry Windham says he doesn't plan to be shocked in Chamber of Horrors; P.N. News/Big Josh d. Fred

SCALE: PINFALL! - Must See.
PILEDRIIVER - Excellent.
POWERSLAM - Good. DRAW - Average. RESTHOLD - Fair.
BOMB - Poor. PLUS - Midscale.

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Avery/Bob Cook; Bill Kazmaier d. Fabiano; (REPLAY) Madusa Micell snatching knucks out of Jeannie's skirt; Bambi d. Martin but Madusa attacks Bambi until Bambi revives & decks Madusa, who then tells Jim Ross she's the First Lady of WCW; (VIDEO) Big Van Vader; (HHCC) Same as PH; Johnny B. Badd d. Rex King; Young Pistols d. Sgt. Buddy Lee Parker/Rick Case; Cactus Jack/Abdullah the Butcher d. Sting/Bobby Eaton when Abby karates Eaton. **RESTHOLD-PLUS.**
[MAIN EVENT]: Badd d. Dave Taylor; (HHCC) same as PH/WCW; Oz d. John Flinch; Micell d. Martin; Hammer d. Cactus by DQ & bodyslams Abby & bops Cactus after. **RESTHOLD.**

(WCW/SYN) - [WORLD WIDE]: Windham d. Fabiano; (WNN) Madusa-Jeannie angle, Simmons at FSU; (WCW) Freebirds d. Enforcers, Enforcers d. Screaming Eagles; (VIDEO) Hammer; Patriots d. Cook/Avery; Simmons d. Curtis Hughes by DQ when Lex Luger runs in but Ron ducks & delivers double clothesline to Hughes/Lex, then 3-pt. tackles Curtis while Lex flees; Micell d. Martin; Other winner: Steiner. **RESTHOLD-PLUS.**
[WCW PRO]: Sting d. Parker; (WNN) Austin-Rhodes feud, Simmons & Luger videos; Josh/Eaton d. Terrence Taylor/Thomas Rich; Bambi d. Kai. Madusa runs in, tosses Bambi out but Bambi rallies to rail Madusa; (WCW TV TITLE) Austin d. Tracy Smothers to retain belt; (VIDEO) Hammer; Simmons d. Doug Sommers; Cactus/Abby d. Scott Sandlin/Tim Frye. **RESTHOLD-PLUS.**

(USWA/WMC) - Jeff Jarrett/Robert Fuller d. Scorpions but Doug Masters/Bart Sawyer run in after, deck Fuller & come off top on Jeff's arm; (MID-SO. COL) Jerry Lawler d. Billy Travis w. fire; (STUDIO) Lawler d. Ken Raper but masked man with snowman figure on mask runs in, tosses Jerry out. Travis swings chair but misses Lawler. Travis/masked man flee; (MSC) Jarrett/Fuller/Eddie Marlin d. Eric Embry/Tom Prichard/Tony Falk when Jeff ducks & Tom decks Eric w. chain. Embry & Prichard argue until Eric decks Tom & brawl erupts to pullapart; Masters/Sawyer d. Freezer Thompson/Mike Mitchell 2 straight falls; (VIDEO) Jimmy Valiant. **RESTHOLD.**

LINES OF THE WEEK

1. Tony Schiavone, HALLOWEEN HAVOC, on Abdullah's revival from chair of torture: "He opened his eyes and must have thought he was in heaven and he knew he shouldn't be there." 2. Bobby Heenan/Sean Mooney, PTW: (SM) "What should children do before calling the 1-900-ATTACHED LINE?" (BH) "Duck-tape your folks to the kitchen sink." 3. Paul E. Dangerously, HH, on WCW execs: "A bunch of modern-day Einsteins who don't realize it's 1991." 4. Scott Anthony, PW'91: "Boy, I could dance with the Beautiful Barbie 'til the cows come home. Better yet, I could dance with the cows until the Beautiful Barbie comes home." 5. Tom Prichard, WMC: "People say, 'Why are you trying to be a cheap Roddy Piper imitation?'" 6. Steven DeTruth/Scott Hudson, PW '91: (SD) "Let's go way, way back in time to when Chic Donovan started wrestling." (SH) "We're not going back THAT far!" 7. DeTruth, PW'91: "Those Blazers are always winning matches for those toothless bearded rednecks. And that's just the women!" 8. Hudson, ESPN, on Steve Cox/Eddie Gilbert: "They're reading off the same sheet of music." 9. DeTruth, PW'91, on Iron Mike Servich: "He came out of relative obscurity and is headed straight for oblivion." 10. Heenan, PTW, on Randy Savage: "I want to see if he's got dishpan hands since he's married."

11. Diamond Dallas Page, WCW PRO, on Lelani Kal: "I thought she was your dad." 12. Page, WCW PRO, to Eric

Bischoff: "I wouldn't stand her (Kal) up for a date. You might." 13. Jim Herd, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, on Kent Hrbek: "We'll have to change his last name. Right now, Hrbek looks like a typo." 14. Jim Ross/Schiavone, HH, on Jeannie Clarke: (JR) "I don't know where she'd hide anything tonight." (TS) "Well, we'll see." (JR) "I hope not." 15. Craig Johnson, ESPN, on Randy Rhodes: "Looks like he needs some digestive medicine." 16. Gilbert, ESPN: "I'm so good, I may be the next manager of the New York Mets." 17. Madusa Micell, WCW PRO, on Ms. York: "The small one with the pudgy, turned-up nose." 18. Michael St. John, WMC: "A friend of mine sent me a copy of the latest Japanese wrestling magazine. Of course, I can't read it—but I can look at the pictures." 19. Ross, WCW: "Theodore (Long) is coaching the offense. Maybe he ought to coach the Falcons. Oh, I'm not supposed to mention football. Sorry about that." 20. Hawk, WC: "Jake Roberts' team reminds me of a washing machine. They really agitate us." 22. Schiavone, HH, on Larry Zbyszko: "He's a miserable person."

STRONGEST COMMENTS - 1. Lisa Sliwa, Paul E. news conference: "If Ted 'Tomahawk' Turner would stop taking Jane to plastic surgeons and review the thing for five minutes, he'd put Paul E. back on the air." 2. Prichard, WMC: "One year ago, nobody would touch me—not the WWF, not the NWA, because I was told I had an attitude problem." 3. Hudson, ESPN: "This isn't a cartoon. This is the GWF."

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - 1. Sliwa, Paul E. news conference, on Ross: "What does a guy from Oklahoma know about New York." 2. Heenan, PTW, on Hart's attire: "Hell's Angels in town?" 3. Heenan, PTW, on Hart: "Does M.C. Hammer know those pants are missing?" 4. Johnson, ESPN: "Wonder if Mike Davis has ever seen a beach?"

NICKNAMES OF THE WEEK - 1. THE COSMETIC REPACKAGE (Madusa on Missy Hyatt). 2. MOOSE SWEAT (DeTruth on Moose Maloney/Eddie Sweat). 3. RICHARD GRIECO LOOKALIKE (Gilbert on Johnson).

BEST PICTURES - 1. WORLD SERIES Game 2, Hrbek trying to legdive Ron Gant off first base. 2. HH, Bobby Eaton's fly onto Terrence Taylor on runway. 3. PTW, I.R.S. shaking Jameson upside down. 4. GWF/ESPN, Gilbert waving camera away as he stuffs knucks in tights. 5. GWF/ESPN, Gilbert unlacing boots to sucker Cox. 6. WCW, Cactus missing hipbuster. 7. WCW, Bambi decking Madusa.

BEST SIGN - Braves fans, WORLD SERIES, Game 3, "Hey, Hrbek---this is baseball, not wrestling."

DUSTY RHODES COMMEMORATIVE LINE - Micell, WCW: "I AM the First Lady of WCW. I AM professional wrestling."

ALL-CLICHE TEAM - Bischoff, WCW PRO: "...discretion the better part of valor."

BLOOPER AWARD - Jack Buck, WORLD SERIES Game 3, for calling Greg Gagne "Verne Gagne."

BOO AWARD - WCW, for execution finish to Chamber of Horrors match.

MATWATCH 25 SCALE HALLOWEEN HAVOC

Announcing, 4.4; Crowd Enthusiasm, 3.3; Quality of Matches, 2.0; Total Production, 4.0; Overall Excellence of Show, 2.8.

TOTAL RATING: 16.5

For Dec. 3

Titan Tells Card For Post-Survivors

STAMFORD CT---A sequel to the Hulk Hogan-Undertaker SURVIVOR SERIES WWF title match will headline Titan Sports' supplementary pay-per-view card Dec. 3.

The decision likely aborts the plan to make the two shows self-contained. The one-hour, 50-minute PPV (at a \$14.95 list price) will include seven matches. Three others have been listed as likely.

Ric Flair will take on Roddy Piper in the semi-final; in a tag affair, Big Bossman and Virgil face Ted DiBiase and I.R. Schyster. Bret Hart will defend the Intercontinental belt against Steve (Skinner) Keirn.

A Randy Savage-Jake Roberts confrontation is scheduled as a dark match.

STILL BILLED: Titan is still billing Sid Justice-Jake Roberts matches around the horn and will continue to until Randy Savage is "reinstated" on TV and Sid's injury is revealed in November.

HULK'S DILEMMA: The COMMERCIAL APPEAL in Memphis offered a full-page profile of Hogan Saturday, describing how he hopes his mat career is ebbing in favor of films. But we're told the tepid reax to SUBURBAN COMMANDO has Hogan somewhat deflated.

AHEAD ON TV: The Fort Wayne TV tapings Monday saw Sean Michaels begin to turn on Marty Jannetty. It was the old bit of Sean not being in the corner when Marty came to tag. The match vs. Barry Horowitz/Mark Buenavera had to be reshot five matches later. Second time was worse.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS: For a PRIME TIME match, Virgil defends the Million \$ belt against Hercules and Undertaker meets Bossman. Later, for SUPERSTARS, Flair goes against Jim Neidhart and the Beverly Brothers get involved.

SWEEPS HITS: Also for November, I.R.S. vs. Greg Valentine and Bret Hart defending the I-C belt vs. Big Bully Busick.

SLITHERY ANGLE: For the week prior to SURVIVOR, Jake calls Randy to ringside from the broadcast booth. He obliges but is ambushed by Jake & tied in the ropes. Jake taunts Savage with the snake, which "bites" Randy. The stretcher comes out and I'm told it was a heavy, hardcore angle which had the little kids frightened.

TOUGH JOB: In a Mean Gene seg, Jim Duggan comes out with Sgt. Slaughter. No matter how hard they tried, they could not get the fans to forgive Sarge. Even when he began reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, they still booed.

THE BODY & THE BLOOD: We'll tell you this in two parts.

MATWATCHING

First, an early November FUNERAL PARLOR has Hogan with Paul Bearer when Flair interrupts for the first face-to-face TV meeting. Flair says, "You don't know how long I've waited for this moment. Don't be ashamed of it, big guy, but I'm the guy that burst that bubble." Undertaker comes out of the casket and he & Flair destroy Hogan until Savage & Piper save from the booth.

TERRIBLE TASTE: If this airs, it will get perhaps a worse boo award than the Persian Gulf angles. The following week, Hogan will join Okerlund and declare his yellow and red colors are "holy," because the blood he has spilled has made him immortal and he is the Son of the "big dude above." Hulk essentially infers he is either Jesus or Jesus' brother. I've said before I don't consider Flair a god and neither is Hogan. My religion teaches me we are all children of the Almighty but not because we wear holy red or yellow.

ON TO WCW: Last Monday at Center Stage, Brad Armstrong debuted as Arachnaman with almost a carbon copy outfit of Spiderman except for the colors. He's introduced "from Web City."

MIKE'S ANGLE: Mike Graham, with Jim Ross in the booth, is goaded into an ambush by Johnny B. Badd, who attacks until Brian Pillman saves. A Graham-Badd bout follows Nov. 9.

SATURDAY'S FINALE: It's a six-man with Enforcers/Steve Austin vs. Michael Hayes/Dustin Rhodes/Barry Windham. Jeannie Clarke and Jimmy Garvin get involved. Also on the show, Sting vs. Oz (who comes out with no music).

THE NEXT WEEK: On the Nov. 9 show, we'll probably hear that bad fake crowd track because lots of chants of "we want Flair" went up during a Van Hammer-John Peterson match. On the same episode, Badd takes on Graham. In an Arachnaman-Medic match, someone yells, "Hey, Bard, take off the mask."

SIX-MAN FINALE: Bobby Eaton/Patriots vs. York Foundation ends with a clue of Bobby possibly going back to the heel route.

IN COLUMBUS: For the syndie tapings in the Fountain City, Bambi takes on Madusa Miceli. One dark match saw Sting d. Cactus Jack in a submission bout. In one to likely set up the November CLASH main event, Rick Steiner takes on Curtis Hughes and Lex Luger gets involved.

A DEATH WISH: We're told the advance for WCW at the Forum with Luger-Bill Kazmaier on top is so bad, it could force a cancellation. Again, that match couldn't sell in Kaz's hometown of Auburn.

GLOBAL FRIDAY: In GWF MAIN EVENTS tapings last weekend, a secondary feud was set up to pair Tug Taylor and Terry Garvin vs. the Davis Brothers. It develops during a Chaz/Garvin vs. Davises match in which the Lightning Kid shows & ducktapes Terry to the ropes. Tug dashes from the dressing

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3-Way Virtual Tie

WCW SATURDAY WINS BY NOSE

In a week of mediocre ratings around the tube, WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING edged past ALL-AMERICAN WRESTLING and WCW MAIN EVENT by a scant 10,000 homes to win the Nielsen cable ratings race for the week ending Oct. 21.

WCW scored a 2.4 rating and 4.9 per cent share of audience in a special 7-8:05 p.m. time period Oct. 19. ALL-AM (2.4/6.5) and MAIN EVENT (2.4/4.6) finished in a virtual tie but WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP's 1.38 million homes was the difference.

ALL-AM (1.37 million) and WME (1.36 million) were percentage points behind. MAIN EVENT was the only show to top its year-ago ratings.

PRIME TIME WRESTLING continued its Monday doldrums, finishing fourth with a 2.2/3.2 opposite a less than thrilling Buffalo-Cincinnati game.

WCW POWER HOUR, minus Paul E. Dangerously for the second straight week, dipped to a 1.5/6.3.

CABLE

Week Ending Oct. 21	Rating/Share	Total Homes	Year Ago
WCW Wild Champ. (TBS 10/19)	2.4/4.9	1.38 million	2.5/5.2
WWF All-American (USA 10/20)	2.4/6.5	1.37 million	2.8/7.2
WCW Main Event (TBS 10/20)	2.4/4.6	1.36 million	2.3/4.3
WWF Prime Time (USA 10/21)	2.2/3.2	1.26 million	2.8/4.2
WCW Power Hour (TBS 10/19)	1.5/6.3	856,500	N/A

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room and cleans house with the heels and literally carries Chaz to the faces' locker room. A storyline will begin that Garvin is Tug's adopted son.

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GOOD CROWD, GOOD TIME: Global had its top crowd to date Friday night with 1,200 at the Globaldome.

MONDAY IN MEMPHIS: The finale was an Eric Embry-Tom Prichard grudge battle after the two came to blows in a six-man tag Oct. 14. Jerry Lawler took on "Travis' Revenge," a masked man believed to be Snowman (Eddie Crawford) from a Saturday TV angle but some are saying it could be a decoy and Freezer Thompson will be behind the mask.

ALSO ON THE BILL: Jeff Jarrett and Robert Fuller defended the USWA tag belts against Doug Masters and Bart Sawyer, who came in Saturday from Portland. Others: Eddie Marlin vs. Tony Falk; Bill Dundee vs. Dog of War; and in a playoff for a Southern title shot, Dutch Mantel vs. Tony Anthony.

BATTLE FOR THE BELT: Steve Planamenta tells us Titan's involvement "will be minimal" in the court battle Nov. 7 for the "real" world title belt between WCW and Ric Flair. Says Planamenta: "Like the Million-Dollar Belt, any title is a creation of the man and the company. Our position is we will abide by whatever the court of law has to say."

THE CONDITIONS: MIAMI HERALD columnist Alex Marvez reports Flair and his attorney are willing to surrender the belt for \$50,200: part for an initial deposit Flair paid for the belt, part for its accrued value and \$200 interest.

SUNCOAST SATURDAY: A crowd of 350 saw Jumbo Baretta retain the SUNCOAST PRO Florida title Saturday night in Palmetto in a no DQ match vs. Superstar. Charlie Fields and Giant Outlaw d. Vern Henderson/Gator Gilmore to win the SPW Florida tag belts. In a dark match, Tommy Rogers d. Jerry Flynn to keep the SPW Southern title.

ROCK & WRESTLING II: Sunday, a turnout of 200 for a CWF mat/music show saw Tommy Starr go to a double countout vs. Ian Weston and Flynn d. Jimmy Hardtime in the main event.

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